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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

## Sirs:

I would like to express a few thoughts regarding the current action with the Microsoft Corporation. I live in the Northwest, about 25 miles from Microsoft, and have followed the action against Microsoft. I am bewildered that so much has been spent on this action. The time, effort and money could have been better used for real criminals. As stated, I am from the Northwest and we are experiencing a tragic response to the September 11th disaster in the form of Corporate Layoffs. I fear that if more pressure is put on Microsoft, it's employees will find themselves in the same situation as the Boeing and the Airline employees that are having to start over with a new career.

Inovation is still on of our nations greatest assets. Bill Gates may be the richest man in the world, but he is also one of the most creative. This creativity benefits the nation and the world. Lets not stiffle these opportunities. I am not very worldly, but do wonder how many other countries have a company that has done so much world wide, and is so well represented in product sales throughout the world. How many companies in other countries are there that are being subsidized such as Airbus? Microsoft probably contributes more than Airbus makes.

Microsoft has accepted the proposed settlement. Let them move on and continuce to benefit you and me.

Respectfully

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